

My Missouri: Photos that Define the Show-Me State

Dear Fellow Missourians,

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this section of the *Official Manual* is a massive statement celebrating the beauty, character, and diversity of the Show-Me State.

Our photo contest for this edition, entitled *My Missouri: Photos that Define the Show-Me State* represents the best of the best, as chosen by a jury. Because choosing was so difficult, I wish that space permitted the use of all the photos we received.

These photos are the work of photographers throughout our state who went in search of people and places that capture the spirit of Missouri. I was impressed by the power and beauty of their images of landscapes and natural beauty, people of every age, urban and rural settings, and celebrations and festivals in the Show-Me State.

There is no camera so perfect as the human eye. As you view, study, and enjoy these photos, I hope you will carry the images with you as you go about life in Missouri. You will see scenes this beautiful, striking, and powerful, or even more so. You will meet and encounter people like those featured in this photo display. If you keep your eye trained for the beauty, variety and character of Missouri, you are sure to enjoy great rewards.

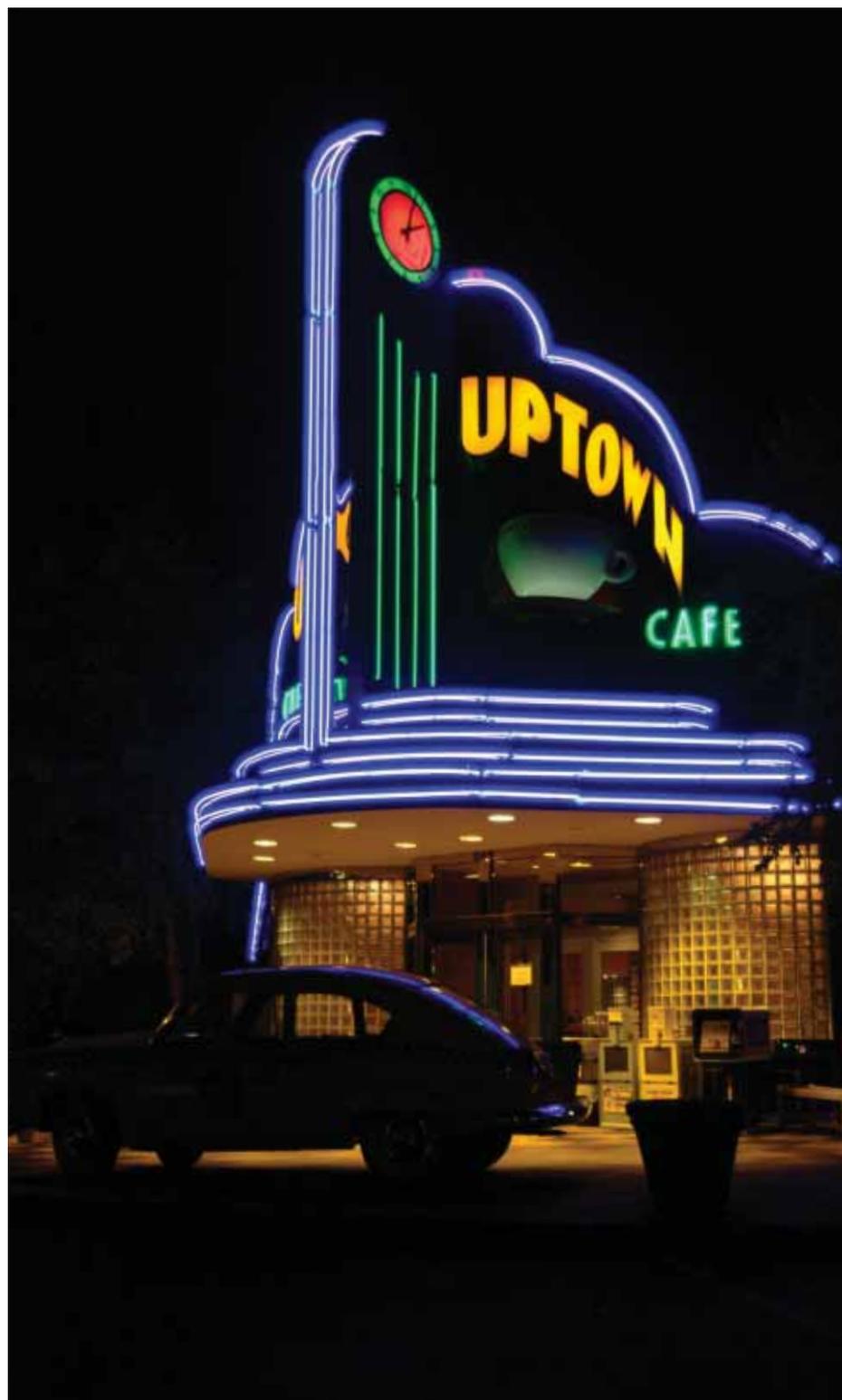
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first letter "M" is large and prominent, and the last letter "t" has a long, horizontal tail that extends to the right.

Best of Show



Lindy Matherly—Buffalo
Old Barn



*Best of Show
First Runner up*

Terry Kelley—Sedalia
Uptown—Branson
(left)

*Best of Show
Second Runner up*

Adam Snodgrass—Jefferson City
Independence Day—State Capitol Building





Best of People

First Place

Lyle Rosburg—Jefferson City
Tubing at the Lake
(right)

Second Place

Rhonda Howard—Florissant
Setting the Hook

Third Place

Rebecca Reid—Lebanon
Pullin' a Calf





Best of Rural Missouri



First Place

Shirley Dugger—Grovespring
Hayrake in the Meadow

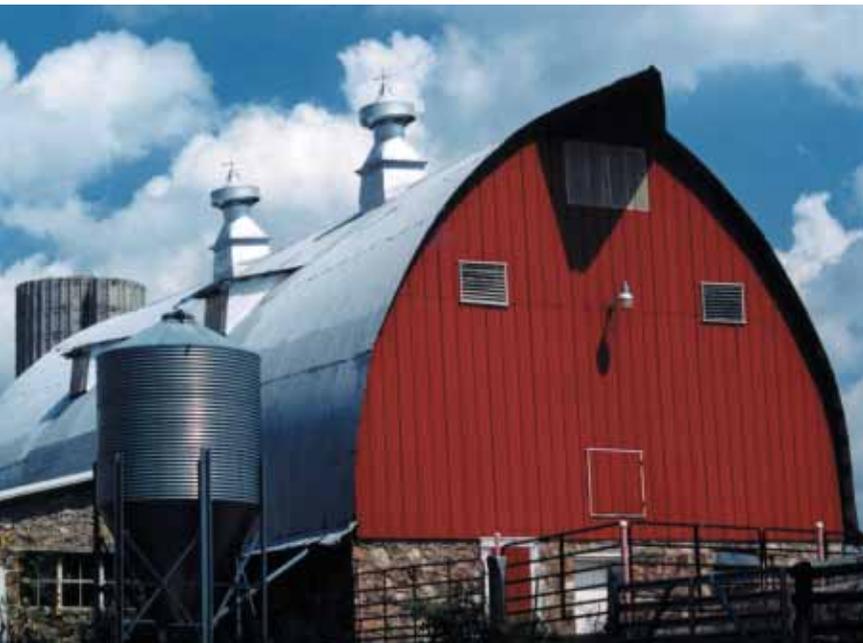


Second Place

Chris Schubert—Arcadia
Reed Springs Mill

Third Place

Shirley Dugger—Grovespring
The Red Barn





First Place

Burton Remis—St. Louis

St. Louis Skyline at Sunset

Second Place

Jane Linders—Maryland Heights

Fireworks at the St. Louis Planetarium



Best of Urban Missouri



Third Place

Jeremiah Nelson—Clayton
St. Louis Arch



Best of Children



Second Place

John Cutsinger—St. Clair
Drinking Fountain
(above)

First Place

Angie Thessen—
Jefferson City
Peek a Boo
(left)



Third Place

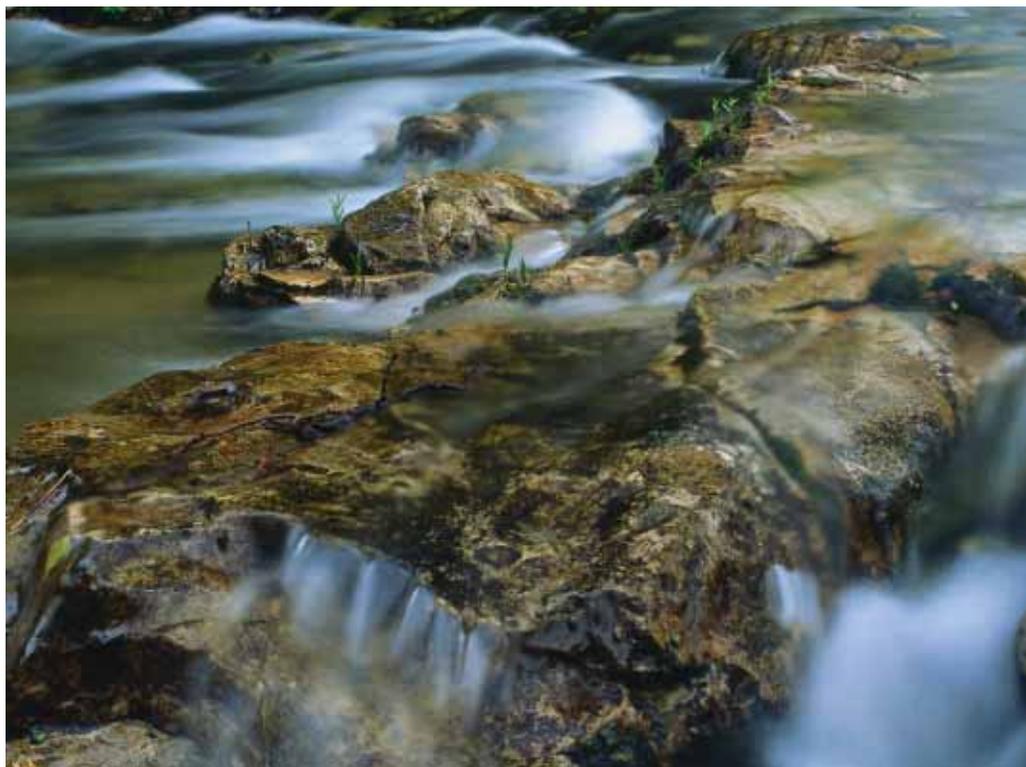
Chris Schubert—Arcadia
My Daughter

Best of Landscape & Nature



First Place

Carrie Pierce—Cabool
Frogs in the Lily Pond



Second Place

Lori Decker—Rogersville
Swan Creek at Bar K Ranch



Third Place

**Linda Mayes—
Republic**
Cardinal



*First
Place*

**Burton Remis—
St. Louis**
*Millennium
Fireworks*
(left)

*Third
Place*

**Linda Mayes—
Republic**
Mardi Gras—St. Louis



Best of Celebrations



Second Place

Donald Dodd—Salem
*Independenc Day—
Raising the Flag*